

"OUR HOUSE"  
Front St., Gallipolis, Ohio

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OWNER: Dr. & Mrs. Charles E. Holzer, Gallipolis,  
Ohio.

DATE OF ERECTION: 1819

ARCHITECT: None

PRESENT CONDITION: The building is now in excellent condition. Since it has been occupied by Dr. & Mrs. Holzer, they have restored it as near to its original condition as it is possible to determine. It is now maintained as a museum. In restoring the building to its original condition, a wing built to the rear and to the east of the house was removed. Under this was found part of the footing of the original outdoor kitchen. Mrs. Holzer intends to rebuild this kitchen in 1937.

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS: Gallia County Historical Society.

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION: The foundation is made of large blocks of sandstone laid in even courses. The exterior walls are of brick. In 1936 all the plaster was removed in order to locate the original stud partitions, since those of original construction were morticed in. All other partitions were removed. The floors are of pine laid over hewn joists and beams of oak. The woodwork is now in excellent condition, all the paint having been removed and then repainted the color that was found to have been first used. The roof is covered with asbestos shingles like those used at Williamsburg, Virginia. There was formerly a detached kitchen back of the house, but this has been torn away. The present owners intend to replace this by a kitchen built as near like the original one as can be determined.

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ADDITIONAL DATA: Erected in 1819 by Henry Cushing to be used as a tavern. Lafayette attended a ball given here in his honor in 1825. The name "Our House" was derived from the hospitable invitation "come up to our house" which was so often extended by Henry Cushing. It, later, became a Boarding House, then a Marine Hospital and, then, a private residence. Dr. & Mrs. Charles E Holzer finally purchased it and restored it to its original condition. It is now open to the public as a museum operated by the Gallia-County-Historical Society.

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